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In re Application of:

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Title: **LOCKING**

**MECHANISM FOR HANDCUFFS**

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) Art Unit: unknown

) Examiner: unknown

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) Duncan, Oklahoma

) Date: January 23, 2004

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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1. Original oath of applicant;
2. Specification of 31 pages consisting of 28 pages of disclosure, 2 pages of claims, including 1 independent claim and 0 dependent claims, and an Abstract of Disclosure;
3. Drawings, 9 pages, including 13 figures;
4. Cashier's check in the amount of \$ 770.00 as the prescribed filing fee;
5. Power of Attorney;
6. Self-addressed, postage paid, post card as temporary filing receipt;
7. Request that the attached application not be published under 35 USC 122(b);
8. Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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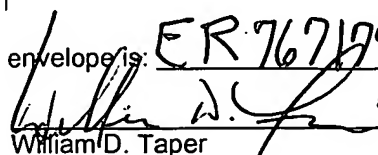
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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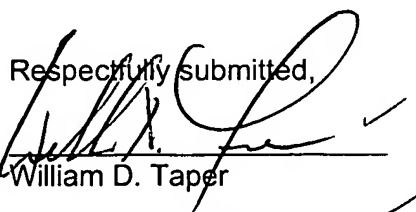
Sir:

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 USC 122(b).

It is understood that applicant may rescind this request for nonpublication at any time. If applicant does rescind this request that the application not be published under 35 USC 122(b), then it is further understood that the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant, subsequent to this request, files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, then it is understood that applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Applicant understands that **this application will be abandoned under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)**, if the required notification is not submitted as required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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